The Guam Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics is pleased to release the <u>Septemb</u> <u>er 2010 Current Employment Report</u> . (pdf format)

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## **Employment Highlights**

The total number of jobs on Guam increased, over the latest year, by 2,080 or 3.5 percent, in the September 2010 preliminary statistics, showing expansion and continuing recovery from the weak September 2009 figures. While September employment in both private and public sectors increased seasonally from June, despite a dip in construction, it is well above the comparable September period a year ago. Increased construction and employment related to increased visitor arrivals contributed to the year's increase.

Over the latest year, the private sector job count increased by 1,570 jobs, led by an increase in Services and Construction, with 900 and 560 jobs added, respectively.

Federal employment increased by 40 this quarter, it was up by 120 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment increased by 390 jobs over the year. Federally funded temporary jobs for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project positions boosted the Government of Guam job count.

Private average hourly earnings increased by 18 cents per hour from \$12.15 in September 2009 to \$12.33 in September 2010. Over the same time period, average weekly hours paid increased from 35.6 to 36.5 and average weekly earnings increased correspondingly from \$432.52 to \$450.51 or by 4.2 percent.